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In re Application of:

Marc ALIZON et al.

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For: NUCLEIC ACID-BASED METHODS FOR THE DETECTION
OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 2 (HIV-2)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add the following new claims:

- 16. (NEW) A method for preparing a lysate of an HIV-2 virus, said method comprising:
- (a) providing a biological sample that comprises human CD4+ lymphocytes infected with HIV-2 virus;
 - (b) separating said virus from said human CD4+ lymphocytes;
 - (c) centrifuging said separated virus to form a fraction comprising concentrated virus;
 - (d) isolating said fraction comprising concentrated virus; and

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